Rehabilitation of closed urea producing units

3281. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to rehabilitate all the closed units of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited and Fertilizers Corporation of India Limited in PPP route in Revenue Sharing Model;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed for the rehabilitation of the closed urea producing units in Public Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed Public Sector Fertilizer units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) subject to assured availability of natural gas, to meet the emerging demand production gap of urea in the country. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all investment options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible investment options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations regarding the suitable financing option. The recommendations of ECOS are under consideration of the Government.

Manufacture of urea through coal gasification route

3282. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Fertilizers is seriously following up on the coal gasification route to manufacture urea in the closed Talcher Plant of M/s. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the road map for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) an (b) In respect of Talcher Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, Government is considering the coal gasification option also, along with all other options subject to the availability of interested parties to come forward for the revival with the improved technologies. A proposal is under discussion with M/s. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF), M/s. Gas Authority India Limited (GAIL) and M/s. Coal India Limited (CIL) for Revival of Talcher Unit based on coal gasification route.

Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme

3283. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: